

HOUSE RESOLUTION 117

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A RESOLUTION to honor Saint Ann Church and School of Nashville on the celebration of its 100th anniversary.

WHEREAS, we are pleased to recognize those historic churches and their congregations who have dedicated themselves and their resources to spreading the good news of the Gospel in their communities, thereby lifting up society with God's word; and

WHEREAS, Saint Ann Church and School of Nashville has worked to improve the quality of both spiritual and temporal life in Tennessee for the past 100 years; and

WHEREAS, Saint Ann Church and School, a thriving 600-member strong parish located on Charlotte Avenue and the oldest Diocesan school in Nashville, recently announced a full slate of church, school, and community events to celebrate its 100th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the celebratory events are scheduled throughout the year and include a new grotto installation, an invitation-only organ concert and reception, a women's event celebrated in May 2021 to honor all mothers and Mary, as well as a special 100th anniversary Fall Festival, culminating with a week full of activities beginning on Saint Ann's Feast Day (July 26, 2021) and ending on July 31, 2021, with a grand Centennial Celebration; and

WHEREAS, the year-long celebration is designed to look back and to look forward throughout the school year, showcasing Saint Ann's special heritage in community-wide activities and in the school curriculum. These events will incorporate members of the Saint Ann Church and School communities, the greater West Nashville community, alumni, and many more; and

WHEREAS, Saint Ann Catholic Church, originally called Saint Peter's Mission, was located on the second floor of a hardware store at the corner of 49th and Charlotte Avenue. In

1921, with the help of the Diocese of Nashville, the church moved to its present location at 51st and Charlotte Avenue and changed its name to Saint Ann Catholic Church; and

WHEREAS, today, Saint Ann Church continues to be a vibrant parish with a growing membership of young and mature families. In addition to Mass, the parish offers many opportunities for parishioners and visitors to pray, study, and serve together; and

WHEREAS, founded in 1921 by the Sisters of Mercy, Saint Ann School is the oldest Diocesan school in Nashville and has been a leader in the city's educational landscape throughout its illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, Saint Ann School remains a school beloved by its staff, families, and alumni, as evidenced by its numerous second-, third- and even fourth-generation students, and continues to lead by example through its innovative Hand-In-Hand inclusive program for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, it is only fitting that we extend our best wishes to Saint Ann Church and School for many future blessings as the church's exemplary ministry continues to inspire individuals in the Nashville community and the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and congratulate Saint Ann Church and School of Nashville on the celebration of its 100th anniversary and extend our best wishes for much continued success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.